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FOR: CHASE SCS

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION AMCITS FROM UAR

REF: CHASE-GISE TELECON

1. CONSULAR DEPT OF FCO ADVISES THAT UK ALSO EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN EVACUATING UK NATIONALS FROM UAR DUE TO CLOSURE OF EGYPTIAN SEA AND AIR PORTS AND RAMADAN. THERE WAS AND IS NO COORDINATED QUOTE COMMON MARKET UNQUOTE SOP FOR EVACUATING NATIONALS. HOWEVER, WHEN FRENCH DIVERTED ONE OF ITS SHIPS TO ALEXANDRIA (BELIEVED TO BE THE LINER QUOTE L'AVENIR UNQUOTE) THEY STIPULATED ONLY FRENCH NATIONALS AND THEN IF SPACE AVAILABLE CITIZENS OF COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES BUT NO AMERICANS, AND, REPORTEDLY, THE AMCIT TOUR GUIDE WITH A GROUP OF FRENCH NATIONALS WAS NOT PERMITTED TO SAIL WITH HIS GROUP. APPARENTLY, UAR AUTHORITIES NOT OVERLY COOPERATIVE IN OPENING EGRESS POINTS FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS AND THE EGYPTIAN AIRLINES ORGANIZED EVACUATION OVERLAND THRU LIBYA NOT TOO

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EFFICIENT OR COMFORTABLE, I.E. NO FOOD OR WATER

PROVIDED, NO TOILET FACILITIES NOR NECESSARY STOPS
ALONG ROUTE, BUT PASSENGERS EXPERIENCED A TEN HOUR
WAIT TO CLEAR LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN BORDER. IN GENERAL, UK
EXPECTS TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM SOME OF ITS
NATIONALS BUT BELIEVES UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME
EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT MADE TO CARRY OUT EVACUATION
AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE.

2. ABOVE INFO PROVIDED ON INFORMAL BASIS FOR DEPT'S
BACKGROUND.

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